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Applicant(s): Smith et al.

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Title: Apparatus and Method For Reducing
the Risk of Decubitus Ulcers

Attorney Docket No.: 67179/03-655

Group Art Unit:

2632

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | | Document No. | Date | Name | Class | Subclass |
|-------------------|----|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | AA | 5,941,836 | 8/24/1999 | Friedman | G01C | 9/06 |
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| | | | | 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
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| | | | | 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive – unavoidable | |
| | | | | 1453 | 1,370 | 2453 | 685 | Petition to revive – unintentional | |
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